

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toshiaki SARUWATARI, et al.

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Examiner: Vincent Lai

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING UNIT AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD

LETTER TO THE EXAMINER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This letter concerns the Information Disclosure Statement considered with the Office Action mailed March 19, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on June 19, 2007.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that "copies of the non-patent literature (items AM, AN and AO) were not submitted and thus not considered" (see page 2, item 4, of the Office Action). As indicated on the Return Postcards (see attached copy), the USPTO acknowledged receipt of the documents, which were included with the IDS. For convenience, the Applicant is including copies of the references herewith. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider references AM, AN and AO from the IDS of July 31, 2006, copies of which were received by the USPTO, and issue an acknowledgement thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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